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SUBJ: SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST POSSIBLE JRA TERRORISM
DURING EMPEROR'S VISIT

1. AT THEIR REQUEST JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICERS MET WITH OFFICERS OF THIS CONGEN SEPTEMBER 2 FOR A DISCUSSION OF SECURITY MEASURES IN RELATION TO A POSSIBLE JRA TERRORIST ATTACK DURING THE PERIOD OF THE EMPEROR'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE JAPANESE SAID THAT SECURITY OF JAPANESE OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS IN HONG KONG WAS BEING STEPPED UP WITHOUT REGARD TO COST AND, ALTHOUGH MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN AT MOST OTHER JAPANESE FOREIGN POSTS, HONG KONG HAD BEEN CITED BY A JAPANESE WEEKLY MAGAZINE (WITHOUT SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE) AS THE NEXT TARGET FOR THE JRA.

2. THE JAPANESE APPROACH TO THE HKG AUTHORITIES HAS RESULTED IN A PROMISE TO PROVIDE INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL, THE CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE, THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER, AND THE JAPANESE SCHOOL. AT THE SAME TIME, THE JAPANESE THEMSELVES WERE DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE GUARDS HIRED FROM A HONG KONG SECURITY SERVICE COMPANY.

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3. ASKED IF THE JAPANESE HAD BEEN PASSING TO THE HKG

INFORMATON ON JAPANESE TERRORIST SUSPECTS, THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY HAD DONE SO BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEHKG TO SCREEN WITH CARE THE LARGE NUMBER OF JAPANESE WHO CAN ENTER THE COLONY ON THEIR JAPANESE PASSPORTS FOR ONE WEEK WITHOUT A VISA.

4. THE JAPANESE SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF JRA COLLABORATIVE ACTION WITH THE CHINESE "TROTSKITES", HOWEVER, THE LOCAL TROUBLEMAKERS WERE SO FAR NOT FOCUSING ON THE EMPEROR'S U.S. VISIT AS A SENSITIVE PERIOD. CONSEQUENTLY, THE JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS GIVEN A "SOFT-WARNING" TO ALL JAPANESE RESIDENTS WHILE SUGGESTING THAT THEY NOT PUBLICLY DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL THREAT. AT THE SAME TIME, JAPANESE NEWSMEN HERE HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO SPECULATE ON HONG KONG AS A POTENTIAL SITE OF A TERRORIST ATTACK.

5. IN REVIEWING THE BASIS FOR JAPANESE CONCERN OVER THE PERIOD OF THE EMPEROR'S VISIT, THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THE EMPEROR'S VISIT WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED BY ALL JAPANESE GROUPS ON THE IDEOLOGICAL LEFT AND THE TERRORIST SCRIBBLES ON THE WALL OF THE CONGEN IN KUALA LUMPUR HAD DENOUNCED THE EMPEROR'S VISIT. THEY SAID THAT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE PERIOD OF SECURITY ALERT WAS TO LAST FROM THE 15TH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE 15TH OF OCTOBER.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH THE JAPANESE AS WELL AS THE HKG AUTHORITIES AS WE MOVE TO TIGHTEN SECURITY MEASURES AT THIS POST.
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